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Starts with AO-

AOUDADS AADDOSU AOUDAD, a wild sheep [n]

Starts with CH-

CHABOUK ABCHKOU type of whip [n -S]
 CHABUKS ABCHKSU CHABUK, chabouk (type of whip) [n]
 CHACHKA AACCHHK chatchka (knickknack) [n -S]
 CHACMAS AACCHMS CHACMA, large baboon [n]
 CHADARS AACDHRS CHADAR, chador (large shawl) [n]
 CHADORS ACDHORS CHADOR, large shawl [n]
 CHAEBOL ABCEHLO group of businesses in Korea owned by one family [n -S]
 CHAETAE AACEEHT CHAETA, bristle or seta [n]
 CHAETAL AACEHLT CHAETA, bristle or seta [adj]
 CHAINES ACEHINS CHAINE, series of ballet turns [n]
 CHAKRAS AACHKRS CHAKRA, body center in yoga [n]
 CHALAHS AACHHLS CHALAH, challah (kind of bread) [n]
 CHALEHS ACEHHLS CHALEH, challah (kind of bread) [n]
 CHALLAH AACHHLL kind of bread [n -S, -LLOT, -LLOTH]
 CHALLAS AACHLLS CHALLA, challah (kind of bread) [n]
 CHALLOT ACHLLOT CHALLAH, kind of bread [n]
 CHALOTH ACHHLOT CHALAH, challah (kind of bread) [n]
 CHALUPA AACHLPU fried corn tortilla spread with savory mixture [n -S]
 CHALUTZ ACHLTUZ halutz (Israeli farmer) [n -IM]
 CHAMBRE ABCEHMR brought (as wine) to room temperature [adj]
 CHAMISA AACHIMS saltbush of Southwest [n -S]
 CHAMISE ACEHIMS chamiso (flowering shrub) [n -S]
 CHAMISO ACHIMOS flowering shrub [n -S]
 CHAMOIS ACHIMOS soft leather [n CHAMOIX] / to prepare leather like chamois [v -ED, -ING, -ES]
 CHAMOIX ACHIMOX CHAMOIS, soft leather [n]
 CHAMPAC AACCHMP champak (East Indian tree) [n -S]
 CHAMPAK AACHKMP East Indian tree [n -S]
 CHANOYU ACHNOUY Japanese tea ritual [n -S]
 CHANSON ACHNNOS song (musical composition written or adapted for singing) [n -S]
 CHAPATI AACHIPT unleavened bread of India [n -S]
 CHAPEAU AACEHPU hat [n -S, -X]
 CHAPPAL AACHLPP sandal worn in India [n -S]
 CHARPAI AACHIPR charpoy (bed used in India) [n -S]
 CHARPOY ACHOPRY bed used in India [n -S]
 CHAYOTE ACEHOTY tropical vine [n -S]
 CHAZANS AACHNSZ CHAZAN, cantor (religious singer) [n]
 CHAZZAN AACHNZZ chazan (cantor (religious singer)) [n -IM, -S]
 CHAZZEN ACEHNZZ chazan (cantor (religious singer)) [n -IM, -S]
 CHEDERS CDEEHRS CHEDER, heder (Jewish school) [n]
 CHETRUM CEHMRTU monetary unit of Bhutan [n -S, CHHERTUM]
 CHIBOUK BCHIKOU Turkish tobacco pipe [n -S]
 CHICANO ACCHINO American of Mexican descent [n -S]
 CHIGNON CGHINNO woman's hairdo [n -S]
 CHINOIS CHIINOS cone-shaped sieve [n -ES]



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CHIRRES	CEHIRRS	CHIRRE, to chirr (to make harsh, vibrant sound) [v]
CHIVARI	ACHIIRV	to chivaree (to perform mock serenade) [v -ED, -ING, -ES]
CHLAMYS	ACHLMSY	garment worn in ancient Greece [n -YDES, -ES]
CHORAGI	ACGHIOR	CHORAGUS, leader of chorus or choir [n]
CHOREGI	CEGHIOR	CHOREGUS, choragus (leader of chorus or choir) [n]
CHORIZO	CHIOORZ	highly seasoned sausage [n -S]
CHUDDAH	ACDDHHU	chuddar (large, square shawl) [n -S]
CHUDDAR	ACDDHRU	large, square shawl [n -S]
CHUDDER	CDDEHRU	chuddar (large, square shawl) [n -S]
CHUPPAH	ACHHPPU	canopy used at Jewish wedding [n -S, -PPOT]
CHUPPAS	ACHPPSU	CHUPPA, chuppah (canopy used at Jewish wedding) [n]
CHUPPOT	CHOPPTU	CHUPPA, chuppah [n] / CHUPPAH, canopy used at Jewish wedding [n] / HUPPAH, chuppah [n]
CHUTZPA	ACHPTUZ	chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n -S]

Starts with CZ-

CZARDAS	AACDRSZ	Hungarian dance [n -ES]
CZARDOM	ACDMORZ	domain of czar [n -S]
CZARINA	AACINRZ	wife of czar [n -S]
CZARISM	ACIMRSZ	autocratic government [n -S]
CZARIST	ACIRSTZ	supporter of czarism [n -S]

Starts with DH-

DHANSAK	AADHKNS	casserole of meats and vegetables [n -S]
DHARMAS	AADHMRS	DHARMA, conformity to Hindu law [n]
DHARMIC	ACDHIMR	DHARMA, conformity to Hindu law [adj]
DHARNAS	AADHNRS	DHARNA, form of protest in India [n]
DHOLAKS	ADHKLOS	DHOLAK, two-headed drum [n]
DHOORAS	ADHOORS	DHOORA, durra (cereal grain) [n]
DHOOTIE	DEHIOOT	dhoti (loincloth worn by Hindu men) [n -S]
DHOOTIS	DHIOOST	DHOOTI, dhoti (loincloth worn by Hindu men) [n]
DHOURRA	ADHORRU	durra (cereal grain) [n -S]
DHURNAS	ADHNRSU	DHURNA, dharna (form of protest in India) [n]
DHURRAS	ADHRRSU	DHURRA, durra (cereal grain) [n]
DHURRIE	DEHIRRU	cotton rug made in India [n -S]
DHYANAS	AADHNSY	DHYANA, profound meditation in Hinduism [n]

Starts with DJ-

DJEBELS	BDEEJLS	DJEBEL, jebel (mountain (large, natural elevation of earth's surface)) [n]
DJEMBES	BDEEJMS	DJEMBE, type of African hand drum [n]
DJIBBAH	ABBDHIJ	jibba (long coat worn by Muslim men) [n -S]
DJIBBAS	ABBDIJS	DJIBBA, jibba (long coat worn by Muslim men) [n]

Starts with ES-

ESCALOP	ACELOPS	to escallop (to scallop (to bake in sauce topped with bread crumbs)) [v -ED, -ING, -S]
ESCARPS	ACEPRSS	ESCARP, to cause to slope steeply [v]
ESCHARS	ACEHRSS	ESCHAR, hard, dry scab [n]
ESCUAGE	ACEEGSU	scutage (tax exacted by feudal lord in lieu of military service) [n -S]
ESCUDOS	CDEOSSU	ESCUDO, former monetary unit of Portugal [n]
ESPANOL	AELNOPS	native of Spain [n -S]
ESPOIRS	EIOPRSS	ESPOIR, category of wrestlers [n]
ESSOINS	EINOSSS	ESSOIN, excuse [n]



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FYLFOTS FFLOSTY FYLFOT, swastika (geometrical figure used as symbol or ornament) [n]

Starts with GH-

GHARIAL AAGHILR large reptile [n -S]
GHARRIS AGHIRRS GHARRI, gharry (carriage used in India) [n]
GHAZALS AAGHLSZ GHAZAL, amatory lyric poem [n]
GHAZIES AEGHISZ GHAZI, Muslim war hero [n]
GHERAOS AEGHORS gherao [n]
GHIBLIS BGHIILS GHIBLI, hot desert wind [n]

Starts with GJ-

GJETOST EGJOSTT hard brown cheese [n -S]

Starts with HR-

HRYVNAS AHNRSVY HRYVNA, hryvnia (monetary unit of Ukraine) [n]
HRYVNIA AHINRVY monetary unit of Ukraine [n -S]
HRYVNYA AHNRVYY hryvnia (monetary unit of Ukraine) [n -S]

Starts with KA-

KABADDI AABDDIK tackling sport of South Asia played by two teams [n -S]
KABAKAS AAABKKS KABAKA, Ugandan emperor [n]
KABALAS AAABKLS KABALA, cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n]
KABAYAS AAABKSY KABAYA, cotton jacket [n]
KABBALA AAABBKL cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n -S]
KABIKIS ABIIKKS KABIKI, tropical tree [n]
KABOCHA AABCHKO type of Japanese pumpkin or squash [n -S]
KABUKIS ABIKKSU KABUKI, form of Japanese theater [n]
KACHINA AACHIKN ancestral spirit [n -S]
KADDISH ADDHIKS Jewish prayer [n -ES, -IM]
KAFFIRS AFFIKRS KAFFIR, kafir (cereal grass) [n]
KAFTANS AAFKNST KAFTAN, caftan (full-length tunic) [n]
KAHUNAS AAHKNSU KAHUNA, medicine man [n]
KAIZENS AEIKNSZ KAIZEN, Japanese business practice of continuous improvement [n]
KAJEPUT AEJKPTU cajuput (cajuput (Australian tree)) [n -S]
KAKAPOS AAKKOPS KAKAPO, flightless parrot [n]
KAKIVAK AAIKKKV fish spear used by Inuits [n -S]
KALENDS ADEKLNS calends (first day of Roman month) [n KALENDS]
KALIANS AAIKLNS KALIAN, hookah (water pipe) [n]
KALIMBA AABIKLM African musical instrument [n -S]
KALIPHS AHIKLPs KALIPH, caliph (Muslim leader) [n]
KALPACS AACKLPS KALPAC, calpac (sheepskin hat) [n]
KALPAKS AAKKLPS KALPAK, calpac (sheepskin hat) [n]
KAMALAS AAKLMS KAMALA, Asian tree [n]
KAMOTIK AIKKMOT komatik (Inuit sledge) [n -S]
KAMOTIQ AIKMOQT komatik (Inuit sledge) [n -S]
KAMPONG AGKMNOP small village [n -S]
KAMSEEN AEEKMNS khamsin (hot, dry wind) [n -S]
KAMSINS AIKMNSS KAMSIN, khamsin (hot, dry wind) [n]
KANAKAS AAKKNS KANAKA, offensive word [n]
KANBANS AABKNNS KANBAN, manufacturing strategy wherein parts are delivered only as needed [n]



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KAPEYKA	AAEKOPY	monetary unit of Belarus [n -PEEK]
KARAHIS	AAHIKRS	KARAH, small frying pan used in India [n]
KARAKUL	AAKKLRU	Asian sheep [n -S]
KARROOS	AKOORRS	KARROO, dry plateau [n]
KASBAHS	AABHKSS	KASBAH, casbah (old section of North African city) [n]
KASHERS	AEHKRSS	KASHER, to kosher (to make fit to be eaten according to Jewish dietary laws) [v]
KASHMIR	AHIKMRS	cashmere (fine wool) [n -S]
KASHRUT	AHKRSTU	kashruth (Jewish dietary laws) [n -S]
KATANAS	AAAKNST	KATANA, Japanese single-edged sword [n]
KATCINA	AACIKNT	kachina (ancestral spirit) [n -S]
KATSINA	AAIKNST	kachina (ancestral spirit) [n -M, -S]
KATSURA	AAKRSTU	deciduous tree of Japan and China [n -S]

Starts with KH-

KHADDAR	AADDHKR	cotton cloth [n -S]
KHALIFA	AAFHIKL	caliph (Muslim leader) [n -S]
KHALIFS	AFHIKLS	KHALIF, caliph (Muslim leader) [n]
KHAMSIN	AHIKMNS	hot, dry wind [n -S]
KHANATE	AAEHKNT	domain of khan [n -S]
KHAZENS	AEHKNSZ	KHAZEN, hazzan (hazan (cantor (religious singer))) [n]
KHEDAHS	ADEHHKS	KHEDA, keddah (enclosure for elephants) [n]
KHEDIVE	DEEHIKV	Turkish viceroy [n -S]
KHIRKAH	AHHIKKR	patchwork garment [n -S]

Starts with KO-

KOLACKY	ACKKLOY	kind of pastry [n KOLACKY]
KOLBASI	ABIKLOS	kielbasa (smoked sausage) [n -S]
KOLHOZY	HKLOOYZ	KOLHOZ, kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n]
KOLKHOS	HKKLOOS	kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n -ES, -Y]
KOLKHOZ	HKKLOOZ	collective farm in Russia [n -ES, -Y]
KOLKOZY	KKLOOYZ	KOLKOZ, kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n]
KOMATIK	AIKKMOT	Inuit sledge [n -S]
KONGONI	GIKNNOO	African antelope [n KONGONI]
KOOKUMS	KKMOOSU	KOOKUM, kokum (East Indian tree) [n]
KOPECKS	CEKKOPS	KOPECK, Russian coin [n]
KOPIYKA	AIKKOPY	monetary unit of Ukraine [n -S, -KY, -YOK]
KOPIYKY	IKKOPYY	KOPIYKA, monetary unit of Ukraine [n] (2018)
KOPIYOK	IKKOOPY	KOPIYKA, monetary unit of Ukraine [n] (2018)
KORUNAS	AKNORSU	KORUNA, monetary unit of Czech Republic [n]
KOUMISS	IKMOSSU	beverage made from camel's milk [n -ES]
KOUMYSS	KMOSSUY	koumiss (beverage made from camel's milk) [n -ES]
KOUPREY	EKOPRUY	short-haired ox [n -S]
KOUSSOS	KOOUSSU	KOUSSO, cusso (Ethiopian tree) [n]

Starts with KR-

KRAALED	AADEKLR	KRAAL, to pen in type of enclosure [v]
KRAKENS	AEKKNRS	KRAKEN, legendary sea monster [n]
KREMLIN	EIKLMNR	Russian citadel [n -S]
KREUZER	EEKRRUZ	kreutzer (former monetary unit of Austria) [n -S]
KRIMMER	EIKMMRR	kind of fur [n -S]



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KRUBUTS	BKRSTUU	KRUBUT, krubi (tropical plant) [n]
KRULLER	EKLLRRU	cruller (small sweet cake) [n -S]
Starts with KV-		
KVASSES	AEKSSSV	KVASS, Russian beer [n]
KVELLED	DEEKLLV	KVELL, to exclaim joyfully [v]
KVETCHY	CEHKTVY	habitually complaining [adj -HIER, -HIEST]
Starts with OE-		
OENOMEL	EELMNOO	ancient Greek beverage of wine and honey [n -S]
OERSTED	DEEORST	unit of magnetic intensity [n -S]
OEUVRES	EEORSUV	OEUVRE, work of art [n]
Starts with PF-		
PFENNIG	EFGINNP	formerly used bronze coin of Germany [n -E, -S]
Starts with PS-		
PSCHENT	CEHNPST	crown worn by ancient Egyptian kings [n -S]
Starts with PT-		
PTISANS	AINPSST	PTISAN, tea of herbs or barley [n]
Starts with QA-		
QABALAH	AAABHLQ	cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n -S]
QABALAS	AAABLQS	QABALA, cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n]
QAMUTIK	AIKMQTU	komatik (Inuit sledge) [n -S]
QAWWALI	AAILQWW	style of Muslim music [n -S]
Starts with QI-		
QIGONGS	GGINOQS	QIGONG, Chinese system of physical exercises [n]
QINDARS	ADINQRS	QINDAR, qintar (monetary unit of Albania) [n]
QINTARS	AINQRST	QINTAR, monetary unit of Albania [n]
QIVIUTS	IIQSTUV	QIVIUT, wool of musk ox [n]
Starts with SF-		
SFERICS	CEFIRSS	electronic detector of storms [n SFERICS]
SFUMATO	AFMOSTU	technique used in painting [n -S]
Starts with SH-		
SHANTIH	AHHINST	shanti (peace) [n SHANTIHS]
Starts with SJ-		
SJAMBOK	ABJKMOS	to strike with whip used in South Africa [v --ED, -ING, -S]
Starts with SR-		
SRADDHA	AADDHRS	sradha (Hindu ceremonial offering) [n -S]
SRADHAS	AADHRSS	SRADHA, Hindu ceremonial offering [n]
Starts with ZL-		
ZLOTIES	EILOSTZ	ZLOTY, monetary unit of Poland [n]